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SUBJ: EGYPT AND SYRIA SUPPORT CUBAN COMPLAINT RE CHILE

IN LETTER TO SC PRESIDENT

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1. UN SECRETARIAT SEPT. 20 CIRCULATED AS SECURITY COUNCIL DOCUMENT (S/11001) SEP. 18 LETTER FROM EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN PERM REPS TO SC PRESIDENT SUPPORTING CUBAN COMPLAINT AGAINST CHILE, AND STATING THAT "SC IS ENTITLED TO PRONOUNCE ON THIS SITUATION" AND URGING THAT ALLEGED CHILEAN ATTACKS ON CUBAN EMBASSY AND MERCHANT VESSEL BE "DEPLORED." END UNCLASSIFIED

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2. COMMENT: IN CONTRAST WITH JOINT EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN STATEMENT TO UN CORRESPONDENTS SEPT. 17 CLAIMING THAT CHILE "HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO TREMENDOUS EXTERNAL PRESSURES WITH A VIEW TO TOPPLING ITS REGIME", LETTER MAKES NO REFERENCE TO CHILEAN COUP OR ITS CAUSES AND DEALS SOLELY WITH TWO ISSUES AS THEY APPEAR ON SC AGENDA.

3. MOTIVES BEHIND CIRCULATION OF LETTER AT THIS TIME ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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UNCLEAR. ONE POSSIBLE EXPLANATION IS THAT SINCE BOTH

EGYPT AND SYRIA REPORTEDLY TURNED DOWN CUBAN REQUEST
THAT THEY SPEAK ON BEHALF OF CUBAN CHARGES AT RECENT
SC MEETING, THEY MAY HAVE OPTED FOR MORE INDIRECT AND
LOW-KEY METHOD OF PLACING THEIR SUPPORT FOR CUBA ON
THE RECORD. THIS INTERPRETATION WAS IMPLICITLY
CONFIRMED BY EGYPTIAN COUNSELLOR, WHO EMPHASIZED LEGAL
AND FACTUAL NATURE OF LETTER AND ABSENCE OF CHARGES
OF OUTSIDE INTERVENTION. WHATEVER THE MOTIVE, LETTER
ALSO SERVES TO DEMONSTRATE THAT CUBANS AND THEIR
FRIENDS HAVE NO INTENTION OF ABANDONING THEIR
ATTACKS ON CHILE IN THE UN. END COMMENT.
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